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TWITTER USERS VOTE TO OUST MUSK AS CEO IN HIS OWN POLL

In a poll created by the Tesla owner, a total of 57.5% of more than 17 million accounts voted in favour of his stepping down

TECH MOGUL YET TO CONFIRM IF HE WILL RESIGN

Elon Musk is yet to issue a formal statement on the results. However, he had promised earlier to honour and uphold the decision of the people. In the past, Musk has always abided by the results of the Twitter survey. Discussing Twitter's leadership with users, Musk claimed that at present, he has no successor in mind who could fill in his shoes

BILLIONAIRE'S TUMULTUOUS TENURE

His short tenure as CEO has already seen loads of controversies. Analyst Dan Ives from Wedbush termed it a "perfect storm". He stated that "advertisers have run for the hills and left Twitter squarely in the red ink potentially on track to lose roughly \$4 billion per year we estimate" | P12

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VOTERS TOOK PART IN POLL AND 42.5% VOTED FOR MUSK TO STAY AS CEO

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PEACE PACT WITH NATURE FOR GLOBAL CONSERVATION

WHY IT IS SUCH A BIG DEAL

30 BY 30 GOAL

A pledge to protect 30% of the world's land and seas by 2030. At present, only about 17% of land and 7% of oceans are protected. Setting a sea target was opposed by some countries but it managed to make it into the final text

INDIGENOUS RIGHTS

Previous efforts to safeguard land resulted in what was called green colonialism - uprooting or marginalising indigenous communities. The COP15 deal is watertight on safeguarding their right to remain stewards of land they use and ensuring they are not subject to mass evictions

FINANCE

Rich countries to provide at least US\$20 billion per year by 2025, and ... at least US\$30 billion per year by 2030. Works out to double and then triple the current international aid for biodiversity

FUNDING MECHANISM

A trust fund within an existing financial mechanism called the Global Environment Facility, will be created for now

U.S. FUNDS

Deal refers to funding from "developed countries, and from countries that voluntarily assume obligations of developed country parties." Meant to involve the US, which is not part of the Convention on Biological Diversity but supports its goals

Montreal deal akin to Paris accord that set global warming limit at 1.5°C; Plans to protect biodiversity

UJJWAL JALALI @NewDelhi

AFTER years of fraught negotiations, around 190 countries on Monday adopted a landmark agreement at the United Nations Biodiversity conference in Montreal, Canada, to reverse decades of environmental destruction.

The deal is being compared by many to the historic 2015 Paris Agreement, which decided to limit global warming to 1.5°C.

Dubbed as a peace pact with Nature, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity framework provides a global roadmap for the conservation, protection, restoration and sustainable management of biodiversity and ecosystems for the next decade. The framework also aims to catalyse, enable and galvanise urgent and transformative action by governments, subnational and local governments with the involvement of society to halt and reverse biodiversity loss.

The deal sets four goals and 23 targets that are to be achieved by 2030. The most significant goal, called 30 by 30, is a commitment to protect 30% of land and water by 2030. The signatories will have to ensure that by 2030 at least 30% of terrestrial, inland water, and of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular impor-

ance for biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, are effectively conserved and properly managed. The 23 targets include cutting environmentally destructive farming subsidies, reducing the risk from pesticides, and tackling invasive species. India was against setting a numerical global target for pesticide reduction and eliminating farm subsidies.

Among the most contentious issues was the demand for a finance package to support conservation, particularly in developing nations. The final deal called for raising the total biodiversity-related global financial resources to \$200 billion by 2030 from a range of sources.

One of the targets is to encourage people to make sustainable consumption choices, which will ultimately reduce the global footprint of consumption in an equitable manner, including through halving global food waste.

United Nations Secretary General António Guterres said the world is finally starting to forge a peace pact with nature. However, many felt the summit could have achieved more. For example, the deal lacks a numerical target to reduce the unsustainable footprint of production and consumption, they said.



Google CEO Sundar Pichai with PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi | TWITTER

Tech needs responsible regulation, says Pichai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

TECHNOLOGY needs responsible regulation and it is important for countries to safeguard their citizens, said Google and Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai on Monday. He was speaking at the Google for India 2022 event in Delhi. Pichai's comment comes amid India's plan to introduce three new laws - Telecom Bill, Data Protection Bill and Digital India Act - next year.

The Google CEO also suggested that the Indian government prepare a legislation which can give companies opportunities to innovate. "You are creating an innovative framework so that companies can innovate on top of a certainty in the legal framework," he said.

Union telecom minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the legal and regulatory framework must be in tune with the changing times, adding that the three upcoming laws are in the right direction.

Later, Pichai met PM Narendra Modi and offered support for India's G20 presidency. He apprised the PM of the efforts of Google including how it supports small businesses and start-ups, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence. Google announced a \$1 million grant to set up India's first responsible AI centre at IIT Madras and another \$1 million via Google.org to Wadhvani AI for using advanced tech for better agricultural outcomes.

Pichai said Google is building an AI model capable of handling voice and text search in over 100 Indian languages, which will help millions of people access information in their preferred language.

Messi, maska Leo!



Lahar refers to TNIE report in Parliament

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

IN the Rajya Sabha on Monday, BJP MP Lahar Singh raised concerns of artisans of Channarayana, that the idli joints of Bidadi and Maddur vada eateries along the Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway.

He was referring to a TNIE report - "Is it the end of the road for world-famous Land of Toys, iconic eateries on Mysuru Highway take a hit too" - that was published in September this year. The report pointed out that the expressway would snatch away the livelihoods of people.

Singh urged the Centre to protect the interests of artisans, business owners and workers. On the plight of artisans attached to the Channarayana toy industry, he said the Centre should develop a Crafts Village on the 10-lane highway on the Linges of Delhi Haat. P4

Teacher beats up boy, throws him to death from first floor

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

IN a blood-curdling incident, a teacher from a government school in Gadag district beat up a 10-year-old student and threw him from the first floor of the school. The Standard 4 student died while being taken to hospital.

The incident occurred at a government school in Hadli village of Naragund taluk on Monday morning. The deceased boy is identified as Bharat Barker, while the accused teacher is Muttappa Hadagali (38), who has been absconding since the crime.

Apart from killing the boy, Muttappa also beat up two teachers at the school, including Bharat's mother Geeta Barker (36). They are being treated at KIMS hospital in Hubballi. The condition of Geeta is critical and she is in shock, said the doctors. An-

other teacher, SC Patil, who sustained head injuries, is recovering.

The police and villagers said personal rivalry could be the reason behind the strange incident.

A teacher from the school said the students had gone on a trip to Srirangam in Andhra Pradesh two days ago and they were joyful when they returned to the school on Monday morning.

"Students in the class where Muttappa was teaching were sharing their tour experience when he is said to have closed the door and started beating up Bharat. After hearing Bharat's cries, Geeta, who was teaching in the next class, came rushing. Muttappa also attacked her and the other teacher with a sickle and threw the boy from the first floor," the teacher said. P5



KPCC president DK Shivakumar and CLP leader Siddaramaiah during a sit-in protest at Savarna Soudha in Belagavi on Monday | EXPRESS

Cong MLAs sit in dharna against Savarkar's portrait

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

ON the first day of the winter legislature session, Congress leaders protested against the unveiling of a portrait of VD Savarkar, along with the images of other personalities in the Legislative Assembly Hall of Savarna Vidhana Soudha, here on Monday.

Congress leaders, led by opposition leader Siddaramaiah and KPCC president DK Shivakumar, sat on a dharna at the entrance of the Soudha, decrying the honour accorded to Savarkar, who is considered an eminent leader by the ruling BJP.

Shivakumar said, "There was no contribution of Savarkar to the freedom struggle. He joined hands with the British and sought clemency by admitting his mistakes. Also, he has no connection with Karnataka." But later they attended the session and did not object to the big portrait of Savarkar on the wall.

Meanwhile, attempts by pro-Maharashtra groups to hold Mahamelava on Monday in Belagavi to protest against the winter session were foiled by the district administration. P4



DRONE SHOW

Drones fly in formation to create an image of Parliament in Goa on Monday. As many as 750 drones were part of the show. It was organised to pay homage to freedom fighters Ram Prasad Bismil, Ashfaqullah Khan, Roshan Singh and Rajendra Lahiri, who had looted a train at Kakori near Lucknow in 1925 during the British Raj for which all four were awarded capital punishment | AP/PTI

RDPR aims at 60% MNREGA women workforce

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

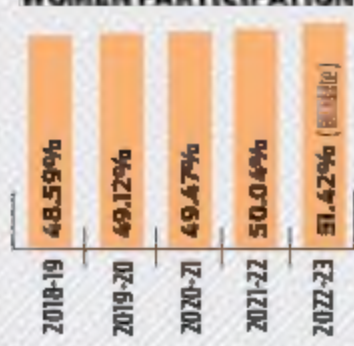
IT'S women power in Karnataka under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). Now, the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department is aiming to increase the percentage of women under the scheme to at least 60.

As per RDPR data, Karnataka has 1.8 crore people registered under MNREGA, and of them, 90 lakh are women, constituting 51.42 per cent of the total

workforce. The participation of women has been increasing steadily over the last five years. The department, since last year, has started a door-to-door survey to identify women who do not have MNREGA job cards. The department is prioritising women and households headed by women in providing jobs.

RDPR Commissioner Shilpa Nag told TNIE that the department is targeting to reach 60 per cent women in the total number of people employed by March 2023. CONTINUED ON P4

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